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## President Beth Heesacker

I am pleased to announce that our Wonder-Working Secretary, Judi Allison, has been able to secure a place for our Annual Meeting. We will be meeting in **Walla Walla, WA on September 11th, 2021**. It will be an in-person meeting and whatever covid restrictions that are in place at that time, will be followed. I know that I will be masked and social distancing as much as possible. It will be so wonderful to meet together again.

The Marcus Whitman Club are graciously allowing us to use their clubhouse for the meeting. Banquet arrangements are still being made. Please read the full announcement in this newsletter on page 3 by Judi Allison. Stay tuned for updates!

As I have said before, we are also in need of a number of Chair people.

- Historian** – stores historical records and write reports for the NFMS Newsletter
- Website Contest** (Cheri George is retiring in June) – chairs the website contest and writes reports for the NFMS Newsletter
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- Rules and Awards Registrar** – Receives applications for display awards, etc.
- Education** – Promotes education within the NFMS and writes articles for the NFMS Newsletter
- Newsletter Editor** (Paul Heesacker expects to retire at the end of the year)– Edits the NFMS Newsletter
- Stamps** - Collects and sells postage stamps for the NFMS to support cancer research

I am not good at evaluating and asking individual people to step up and volunteer for a position. All I can do is let you know the needs of the NFMS. Only you can look at your talents and make a decision to share those talents with your rockhounding friends. We need you.

It has been a bad year with covid-19 and all the stress/boredom that has caused in all our lives. I understand that this might cause hesitancy in reaching out to take on something new but this could be the chance to give yourself a break from any boredom that you feel and get in contact with like mind people. We really need your help in providing the full services of the NFMS to our members. Please email me at [heesacker@coho.net](mailto:heesacker@coho.net) to discuss the possibilities.



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### NFMS Annual Meeting

September 11, 2021  
Walla Walla, WA  
In-Person meeting





### AFMS Annual Meeting

June 17-20, 2021  
Big Piney, WY  
In-Person meeting

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**ENDOWMENT FUND** - Judi Allison

**PROGRAM COMPETITION** - Darrell Watkins

**SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**- Mary Lou Northrup

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**For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.**

**SHOW COORDINATION.** Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines (“Rocks and Minerals” and “Rock and Gem”) and the on-line calendar from “Lapidary Journal”. Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission

**price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Chair.**

**SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM.** NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairperson**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

**ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**

**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues (new and renewal) and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Send to: Mary Lou Northrup (see Scholarship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

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Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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<http://northwestfederation.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>  
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)

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(for mobile devices like phones)

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are  
\$1.50 per square inch.  
Example: 3” x 4” ad = 12 inches  
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Chair**







## 1st Vice President

### Larry Hulstrom

The Mid-Year meeting has come and gone. Thanks to all of you that participated. The past year and a half has been a struggle for all of us and we are not out of the woods yet. I hope that all of you have already gotten your shots or plan to in the near future. Many of your fellow rockhounds in clubs throughout the NFMS have felt the pains of loss and struggle to survive this year. A number of clubs have dropped their memberships in the NFMS and individual clubs have lost members who could not afford to pay dues. On the brighter side, we are now seeing clubs starting to host or schedule club shows for later this summer and fall. Now is the time to step out of the shadows and support your fellow rockhounds, clubs, local dealers, and others that enjoy our hobby. Reach out to those you know, see if there is anything you can do to help. Even just hearing a friendly voice could be the boost someone needs to get through this.

The NFMS could also use your help. During this difficult time we have had other members that have decided to retire from the committees that they have been part of. Elsewhere in this issue, and in the previous issue, we have identified positions where volunteers are needed. None of these positions are difficult to learn or take lots of time, and there are always people willing to help you learn the ropes. Position descriptions can even be found in the NFMS Operating Procedures that can be found either online (on the By-Laws tab at the NFMS website) or in the NFMS Directory, the last of which was issued in 2018-2019. Please consider helping us as we all recover from this and move forward into better days. We are all better if we help each other.

We are planning to have an in-person annual meeting in September. More details will be forthcoming shortly as details are firmed up. I hope to see many of you there.



## 2nd Vice President

### Darrell Coyle

From the show schedule in our newsletter and posts on social media it looks like a lot of clubs have decided to proceed with having shows. Depending on which state you reside in restrictions on large gatherings have been lifted or eased. I am aware that many clubs depend on shows as their main source of income. Because of restrictions on meetings and inability to put on a show many clubs have essentially gone into “hibernation”. I was quite surprised to see how drastically this has affected the membership of the Northwest Federation. The number of clubs that did not pay dues for 2021 also surprised me, but I understand that if you don’t have the money you don’t have the money. It is my hope that as life returns to normal that these clubs will rejoin.

I know that it has been difficult for our club. We lost our meeting location. Although we did some outdoor meetings in the summer and over the winter found a smaller indoor location. Our attendance had dropped to about half but has been picking up as our at risk members have received vaccinations. Our club show will be in May. Thanks to our own members and members of a sister club stepping up we will have the ability to staff our activities and club tables. A little thinking out of the box and remaining positive has gotten our club through the worst of the current situation.

I hope everyone takes steps to stay healthy, positive and involved in your club.

## ANNUAL MEETING SET!

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM.**  
**MARCUS WHITMAN CLUB HOUSE,**  
**WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON**

The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society is offering us the use of their clubhouse for our meeting. The meeting is in the same time frame as their show, so folks can take in the venue when coming for the meeting.

Although they cannot offer a full blown hosting of the show, they are graciously making accommodations for competitive displays. So, hone your entry and get ready to show off your skills.

The Federation is working independently to provide an awards banquet on Saturday evening. Stay tuned as plans develop.

The Walla Walla area has much to offer in the way of site seeing. Very near where the meeting will be one can find the Whitman Mission. Fort Walla Walla is also a historical venue to explore. The Walla Walla area is also rife with Wineries, so if you yen for a tour or just to check out the show rooms, there are plenty around. Wildhorse Resort and Casino is within an hour’s drive if you want to add a little gambling fun into your time. I hear there is a huge car show on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the local fair will take place the week before.

Just in case, it might be a good idea to book your accommodations early. Following is a list to get you started.



- Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites, 7E Oak St., 509-525-4700
- Budget Inn, 305 N. 2<sup>nd</sup>, W.W., 509-529-4410
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- Wild Horse Resort & Casino, Pendleton, OR., 46510 Wild Horse Blvd. 800-654-9453



**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**



# Field Trips!

## Multi Federation Trip

Blue Forest, on site camping May 19-25

With a trip to fossil fish quarry on the 23rd



## AFMS Field trips , June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

On June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a trip to the Blue Forest. We will travel south about 55 miles to the dig site. Easy access. High desert about 7000 ft elevation, no snakes, some cacti, sagebrush and sand. Bring a shovel, rock pick and a steel rod probe if you have one. Several of us will have one. Bring water and lunch and then the fun begins.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a trip to a fossil fish quarry to collect 35 million year old Fossil Fish. This is a fee dig, a whole day for \$50. You will find lots of fish. They will furnish tools for splitting the rock. Bring Newspaper to wrap your catch. Bring lunch and water. This trip is approx. 70 miles south and then about 15 miles west. We will leave from the parking lot in front of show entrance at 8 am for all trips.

For all field trips, contact  
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## Rules and Awards Committee

By Darrell Coyle, Judging Director



I have some questions for everyone. Do you enjoy the display cases at the NFMS shows? Do you enjoy the competitive cases? Do you have a couple hours on Friday morning at the NFMS shows? If you answered yes to any of these questions then the Northwest Federation could use your help. Competitive cases can be fun not only for the visitors to our shows but for the individuals competing. A lot of this depends on if we have Judges, Clerks for the Judges and of course a Rules and Awards Committee consisting of three people. The Registrar, who reviews the application and prepares the scoring sheets. Then transcribes the scores to a Record Card. The Judging Director who oversees the Judges and Clerks and reviews the score sheets. The Director who oversees the Committee and presents the Awards at the Banquets. It is a three year commitment with moving up through the positions each year. It is less complicated and takes less time than one would think. This is my third year on the Committee and due to attrition I am the only one left on the Committee. I am willing to help anyone that is interested to learn about what is required and show you the ropes.

My thought is that if you are already coming to the NFMS meeting and Show then why not give a few hours of your time to a good cause. Without these positions being filled there will be no competitive case, simple as that.

## NW Rockhound Retreat CANCELLED

By Walt Butler, Chair NW Rockhound Retreat



**Construction on the new restroom and showers will not be completed by September 2021.**

**Camp is canceled for 2021. See you in 2022**

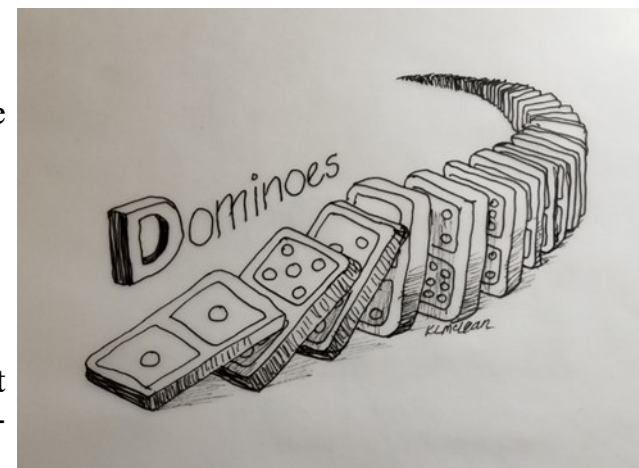
## Safety Report

By Kathy McLean, NFMS Safety Chair

I just got back from taking my neighbor to his doctor appointment. It reminded me of how much our actions [or lack of action] affect and continue to affect others. Like one domino knocking down the next, an accident usually doesn't affect just one person.

Back in February, my neighbor slipped on the ice and fell – breaking his arm. He now has a metal plate and 6 screws holding his arm together. He and his partner have had to pretty much put their lives on hold for the last 10 weeks while he recuperated. Covid had pretty much shutdown his business and he's not been allowed to drive until his arm heals. His partner works outside the home and has been the sole income. Though that pays most of the bills, they've had to ask for help from the family and neighbors [spreading the effects of the trauma even more.] Hindsight is usually 20/20. This accident is the third time that he has slipped and fallen on the ice in this spot and they are finally putting plans in place to prevent them from falling at this spot again –including using deicer and installing a hand rail.

It only takes a few moments to think about and plan some safety improvements. Money and time constraints may delay some improvements, but there are a few things that can be done now to improve the safety while working in your hobby area. Some of those piles of rocks, boxes, buckets, equipment, cords, rugs, and more can be moved out of the traveled way to prevent tripping on them. Adding hand rails on stairs, additional lighting to improve visibility, and even [gasp] sweeping up debris on the floor and dusting could improve the safety and enjoyment in your work area. Repair or replace eye protection, breathing protection, and hand/foot protection. It does no good if you use them as decorations on your workbench. Use them for what they are meant for-keeping you as safe as possible! A few moments to think about safety could prevent a domino effect. Your partner and friends should thank you, but most likely you will be an unsung hero! Thank you HERO!



The good news is that today the doctor has given him permission to drive again. He's now working on putting together his "new normal".

Be safe out there!





## And a Good Time Was Had By All. . .

By Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

The Mid-Year Zoom meeting of the NFMS went off very smoothly. It was pretty evident that there had been some “learn by doing” since the annual meeting last fall. Thanks to the Lakeside Club, and especially Chris Sorensen, for again hosting the meeting. Chris gave a great tutorial before we officially began the meeting, so that added to comfort and knowledge with usage.

After dispensing with the calls for reports, which had been provided in the packets that were previously sent out, we settled into further business.

We were able to clarify that there will be a Multi-Federation field trip to the Blue Forest area over Memorial Day and two one-day field trips to the same areas during the Rocky Mountain/American Federation Show.

We continue to call for your help by volunteering for one of the vacant positions.

We were fortunate to introduce Jennifer Haley as our incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President nominee for 2021-22. You can find her introduction elsewhere in this newsletter.

We discovered that, sadly, Camp Hancock will have to wait until 2022.

The Resolution Revisory Committee is working on a Resolution to allow electronic meetings. You will find the proposal elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are working toward the ability to have an in person annual meeting in the fall. Stay tuned for details as they develop. There will not be a full blown “Federation Show” but it appears we will be able to have display competition. So, if you were considering a competitive case, now is the time to start polishing it. We are also looking into the possibility of an awards banquet; if for nothing else, to be able to see old familiar faces. Stay tuned. We will keep you apprised.

We also need to have clubs step up for the 2022 and 2023 Federation Show. The 2023 show will be combined NFMS/AFMS. Remember, the Federation can help walk you through things. The show can be tagged onto your regular show.

Larry Hulstrom has been helping Brad Larson get the website in current tip-top shape by reviewing content and passing on current information. On this subject, please go to the “Clubs” page and check to see if your information is correct. If not, send the changes to Judi, at nfmsec@gmail.com and she will pass it on. Also, please keep in mind that Judi needs the names of your current directors and contact people. They are the information pipeline to the rest of your club.

We again discussed ideas for using the interest from the Endowment Fund. Part of the fund is currently being used to offset the \$3.50 per adult member dues. Other possible suggestions included using some of the funds to help convert and update the Library’s slide programs and assistance to clubs accepting the bid for a Federation Show to help with extraordinary costs.

Remember that every club should be informed about the work of “It’s Federation”. Your director should be giving reports. The entire packet of reports and minutes of the meeting can also be found on the website. So stay informed. Question your director. Check out the website. Come to a meeting. You might like it. I could be “a good time.”



### Introducing Jennifer Haley-Nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2021-2022

I have been a CFMS President twice, in 2014 and 2018, and I have been an AFMS VP twice on behalf of the CFMS. My husband and I moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, the week before Christmas 2019. I belong to 2 Oregon clubs, Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club, and the Rock & Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls.

Both clubs are 4 hours away either north and south of me. They accepted my membership when I wrote to them before I moved, knowing I needed to be a club member of a Northwestern Federation to keep my AFMS Historian Committee chairmanship that I dearly love. I have been a member of both clubs since November 2019.

Between the snow closing the highway north and south of me, and then the pandemic, I haven’t been able to meet with either of clubs. Both clubs understood that I might not be able to attend meetings every month due to the travel, but they were fine about that.

Over the years I have worked together with Hidemi Kira, Ronna Watkins, Doug True, Ken Zahn and Lauren Williams in the American Lands Access Association, along with my work with AFMS and CFMS.

I discovered there were rock and gem clubs in 2004 when I was in my 40’s. When I walked in the door of my first meeting as a guest, I fell in love with the people and the hobby immediately. When I looked up the different towns I lived in when I was a child through high school, to see if they ever had clubs, every town had a rock club even before I was born. I’m still upset about the fact I missed out on the shows back then.

My personal favorites in working with our hobby ~ Creating mineral and gem sculptures, making obsidian beads and using those beads in jewelry, and enjoying the Rockhound family of people.

**Nominations for Officers are still open.**

Please email any nominations to Kenneth Zahn

kc Zahn(at)littleappletech.com

**Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in September**





## CLUB NEWS

### *Sublette County Rock Hounds'* **Gem & Mineral Show 2021**

*Hosting the annual CONVENTIONS of the  
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies*

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>**

at the Sublette County Fairgrounds  
10937 Hwy 189,  
Big Piney, Wyoming

**Friday & Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4**

*Dealers, demonstrators, exhibits, field trips, fluorescent mineral  
display, kids' activities, food concession & more!*

Admission: \$2.00 adults, kids free



Contact: [jimgray@wyoming.com](mailto:jimgray@wyoming.com) or [schafma1@hotmail.com](mailto:schafma1@hotmail.com)

**2021 ROCK & GEM SHOW**  
*Nature's Treasures Under Foot*

**SATURDAY MAY 22**  
10am - 5pm

**SUNDAY MAY 23**  
10am - 4pm

**EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER**  
EOTEC - New Fairgrounds Facility  
1705 E Airport Road, Hermiston, Oregon

ADMISSION: **\$3.00**  
Ages 12 & under FREE when accompanied by an adult.  
Over 60 years \$2.00

HOSTED BY:  
**HATROCK HOUNDS**  
Gem & Mineral Society  
[www.jall123.wix.com/hatrockhounds#!](http://www.jall123.wix.com/hatrockhounds#!)

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWING**  
Every 1/2 Hour!

**Registration form for the AFMS Meeting  
was in the March Newsletter**

## Resolutions to be Voted on at the Annual Meeting

### Proposed addition to the Endowment Fund Operating Procedures



The Endowment Fund Committee proposes to introduce a modification to the Endowment Fund Operating Procedures for approval at the next annual meeting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**Background.** The existing Endowment Fund Committee operating procedures are silent relative to how the committee should deal with an approved spending authorization that is not obligated or committed to a project or program during a specific budget year. For example. The fund spending plan authorizes the expenditure of 4% of the average of the year-end Endowment Fund balances for the previous three years during the budget year. If the requests for Endowment Fund monies do not total the amount authorized to spend that budget year, how should the unused fund authorization be dealt with.

The committee looked at two options.

1. Cancel the unused authorization and roll it back into the Endowment Fund Balance and start over as if it never existed. This is what we have been doing in recent years.
2. Carry the unused authorization over into the next budget year and make it available as an addition to that year's 4% authorization. This could have the effect of increasing the amount of money available in a particular year.

The committee feels option 2 serves the membership of the federation the best and is proposing the following addition to its operating procedures.

Add the following to OP COMMITTEE -3, ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, Fund Management--Spending Policy section.

Add the following:

**E. Any unobligated portion of an annual authorization will be rolled over to the following budget year and will be treated as an addition to the authorization for that year.**

This may create a slight increase in record keeping work for the committee.

The Endowment Fund Committee urges the various NFMS societies to discuss this and be prepared to vote on the change at the next annual meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jim Brain, Endowment Fund Committee Financial Advisor at [jrbrain233@outlook.com](mailto:jrbrain233@outlook.com)

(Another resolution is on the following page.)



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
May 3, 2021

Subject:

Proposed By-Law Change to Reflect Ability to Conduct Official Business via Electronic Means When Essential

Rationale:

The events for the past year (i.e., Pandemic) have brought to light the need to conduct official business by electronic means under certain unforeseen emergency conditions. An Emergency Proclamation by the Governor of Washington State (where the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies is incorporated) allowed for such to occur for the October 17, 2020 Annual NFMS Business Meeting regardless of our current By-Laws.

Since unforeseen circumstances could again provide the necessity for a repeat occurrence, and because of the efficiency, effectiveness and cost saving factors of widely available electronic meeting procedures, this Resolution to amend the current NFMS By-Laws is submitted.

Current By-laws: Read ARTICLE VIII Parts A, B, C, D, E, F

Proposal: Correct spelling errors and wording in Parts A-F as indicated in Bold Underline.

Create Part G to address Electronic Meetings. (In Bold)

Add Part G to Table of Contents under ARTICLE VIII

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Part A. Annual Meeting

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Assembly of Directors and Delegates of the Federation shall be at a time chosen by the host society whose bid for the convention and show has been accepted by a majority vote of the Assembly of Directors. The date of the Convention and Show shall have no effect on the fiscal or the operations year of the Federation.

**Section 2.** The Member Society Directors and Delegates present at any Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.

Section 3. Each Member Society may be represented at the Annual Meeting by two (2) delegates who are members of the Society they represent; **each** has one vote.

Section 4. Before being seated at any Annual Meeting, all Delegates shall be required to file with the Credentials Committee **and** **authorizations being** signed by the president and Secretary of their representative societies.

Section 5. No delegate may represent more than one Member Society.

Section 6. No Proxy votes will be accepted.

Section 7. All business of the NFMS shall be transacted at the Annual Meeting, except such business as may be specifically assigned to the Assembly of Directors or the Executive Board.

Part B. Special Meeting

Section 1. A post-Convention meeting of the Assembly of Directors may be called by the newly elected President following the Annual meeting, at which time they shall transact any business assigned to them by the Delegates at the Annual meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President for the purpose of transacting any business within the authority of the Assembly of Directors.

Section 3. The President, or any seven (7) Member Societies may call a special meeting of the Assembly of Directors for an emergency.

Section 4. One third (1/3) of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when the **special** meeting is assembled. A majority of the membership of the Assembly of Directors shall constitute a quorum when meeting by mail or electronic means.

Part C. Mid-Year Meeting

If needed for the purpose of informing and discussing with the directors of the Member Societies impending business, committee progress reports, and other pertinent business to be acted upon at the next Annual Meeting; one (1) NFMS Directors **Mid**-Year Meeting may be held annually at a centralized location. The date of this meeting is to be set by the NFMS Executive Board.

Part D. Organizational Meeting

To be held, **whenever possible**, in the fall of the year at a date and place designated by the newly elected President, **for** the purpose of organizing the new Executive Board; **also** for resolving any old unfinished business including any known AFMS considerations.

Part E. Rules of Order

**Robert's** Rules of Order, Revised, unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, shall govern all meetings of this Federation and its Assembly of Directors.

Part F. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall not be a Delegate or Director of any Member Society.

Part G. Electronic Meetings

**All meetings specified by this Bylaw Article VIII, Parts A, B, C & D shall be conducted with Officers, appropriately credentialed Directors and delegates present in person if possible. However, in case of Emergency declared by Governmental authorities, such as a Public Health Crisis, Natural Disaster, Civil Unrest, or other Disaster, the Executive Board is authorized to conduct such meetings by electronic means. The provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, 12th (or later) Revision, Appendix "SAMPLE RULES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS" pp.635-649 shall apply with special regard to conduct of the meeting, and voting by show of hands or secret ballot as appropriate. The specific Internet protocol and program used to hold such a meeting shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Board.**

**Furthermore, informal meetings such as those of Committees, Executive Board, or other working bodies of the NFMS may also be similarly held by electronic means at any time when requested by the Chairperson.**

Electronically Signed by:

Resolutions Revisory Committee Members Representing Four Separate NFMS Clubs

Ken Zahn, Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club Ken Zahn

Ronna Watkins, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club Ronna Watkins

Evan Day, Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society Evan Day

Judi Allison, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Judi Allison

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule -- 2021

Please note that due to the Covid-19 virus, schedules may be changed. Please check with the show contact for any updates.

<b>May 20 - 22</b> Thursday – 10 – 8 Friday – 10 – 8 Saturday – 9 – 6	Cache Rock and Gem Club	Cache County Events Center 450 South 500 West Logan UT	Larry Christopherson <a href="mailto:crgc.showmanager@gmail.com">crgc.showmanager@gmail.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://cacherockgemclub.weebly.com">cacherockgemclub.weebly.com</a>
<b>June 5 &amp; 6</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Jacklin Building #25 4056 North Government Way, (Kathleen & Gov’t Way) Gates C & D, Coeur d’Alene, ID	Mike Rose <a href="mailto:NIMCshowchairman@gmail.com">NIMCshowchairman@gmail.com</a>
<b>June 17-20</b>	AFMS Meeting	Big Piney, WY More information elsewhere in the newsletter, including information on field trips.	
<b>June 18 - 20</b> Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 3	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	In the parking lot on the corner of Winchester Avenue and North 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Behind Elsie’s Wood Carving shop Reedsport OR	Bambi Darling <a href="mailto:reedsportrockshow@gmail.com">reedsportrockshow@gmail.com</a> 541 420 8014 100 River Bend Rd, Sp. 68, Reed-sport OR 97467, ReedsportRockandGemShow.com
<b>July 23 -25</b> Fri – 9 – 6 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Tenino City Park On Park Avenue (next to the Quarry House and swimming pool) Tenino WA 98589	Daniel De Boer <a href="mailto:keylock1@live.com">keylock1@live.com</a> website <a href="https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com">https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com</a>
<b>August 13 - 15</b> Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 9 – 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd – just south of PDX), Portland OR 97218	Wayne King 503-284-7195 <a href="mailto:mhrcdc@gmail.com">mhrcdc@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.mthoodrockclub.com">www.mthoodrockclub.com</a>
<b>August 20 - 22,</b> Fri – 9 - 5 Sat – 9 - 5 Sun – 9 - 5	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds - outdoors 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR 97371	Theresa Donley 503 930 5115 <a href="mailto:tkdddt@hotmail.com">tkdddt@hotmail.com</a>
<b>August 27 &amp; 28</b> Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Silver Lake Grange 3104 Spirit Lake Hwy Exit #49 off I-5; 5 miles up Spirit Lake Hwy Castle Rock WA	Vicki Johnson 360 751 8031 <a href="mailto:vickijrocks@msn.com">vickijrocks@msn.com</a> PO Box 704 Longview WA 98632
<b>September 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 460 0827 <a href="mailto:kmsjes@olypen.com">kmsjes@olypen.com</a> PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
<b>September 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	Pioneer Pavillion 2007 Cherry Street Ferndale, WA	Wes Gannaway 360 384 4209 <a href="mailto:debnwes@comcast.net">debnwes@comcast.net</a> Club website – <a href="http://www.mtbakerrockclub.org">www.mtbakerrockclub.org</a>
<b>September 25 &amp; 26</b> Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132@charter.net 509 308 8312
<b>October 1 - 3</b> Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Wingspan Event Building 801 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey <a href="mailto:lindaharvey2010@gmail.com">lindaharvey2010@gmail.com</a> For more information go to: <a href="http://www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com">www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com</a>



June 20. 2021



Tickets, Tickets, Get ‘Em While They’re Hot!  
By Judi Allison

Time to buy one, two or even five tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle. The drawing will be held at the AFMS Show in Big Piney, Wyoming in June. NFMS is guaranteed at least one prize, as a ticket is drawn from each federation before mixing them all together.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. I haven’t sold too many because of the inability to meet, so that gives you a better chance to win. . .and help with funding the Junior Rockhound Program or the Video Library Program. Prizes have a starting value of \$75, so if you win a prize you are ahead in the game. You can purchase your tickets by submitting your check made out to AFMS Endowment Fund to me, Judi Allison, 1701 NW 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Hermiston, OR. 97838. I will send you your stubs and be certain your entry tickets get into the drawing. (Judi – NFMS Chair for AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle)